

REMARKS

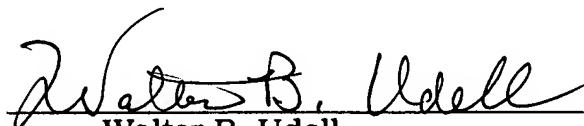
The applicant and his attorney appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner in affording the opportunity for the telephone interviews held on Friday, October 22, 2004 and Tuesday, October 26, 2004, during which the rejections, and all of the claims and prior art were discussed. Pursuant to the interviews the claims have been amended as agreed, and as set forth in this Amendment, and as so amended were held to be allowable. The Examiner's Interview Summary, a copy of which is appended hereto, sets forth,

"Applicant argued Griesbach does not disclose a continuous web of substantially constant thickness packaging material with strip length being secured transversely to the running length of said web of packaging material along the strip top edge and being substantially unsecured along its bottom edge, which can be seen in Figure 3. Applicant proposed amending the claims to include 'a plurality of discrete strips of substantially constant thickness flexible material' along with other proposed amendments to overcome the Griesbach reference, which Examiner acknowledged does not disclose a plurality of strips at discrete intervals."

With the allowance of parent claim 1, the need to rewrite previously allowable claims 6 to 12 has been rendered unnecessary.

All of the claims in the application now being allowable, and there being no formal matters outstanding, it is now respectfully requested that the application be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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